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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT FILLS VACANCY IN THIRD JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT**

The Supreme Court of Illinois announced Monday the appointment of Associate Judge Daniel J. Stack to Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit.

Judge Stack fills the vacancy created by the retirement of former Chief Circuit Judge P. J. O'Neill. The appointment is effective immediately and terminates on December 6, 2004.

Judge Stack is an experienced jurist who was first named an associate judge in 1986. He has served in that capacity ever since except for a period from July 1995 to January 1997.

While on the bench, he has sat in several divisions, including chancery, law and felony.

Judge Stack, who lives in Highland, received his law degree from St. Louis University School of Law in May 1976. His experience as an attorney includes managing his own law offices, serving as a special assistant attorney general of Illinois and as a law clerk and assistant in the U.S. Attorney's office for what is now the Southern District of Illinois.

He has been a lecturer at judicial education conferences on the conduct of civil jury trials and on evidence.

He and his wife, Dilnawaz, have three children.

The Third Judicial Circuit encompasses Madison and Bond counties in southwestern Illinois.